THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANEMI VIDYASAGAR RAO): (a) and (b) No such statement, has been made by the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC). However, the Commission has been emphasizing to all concerned the linkage between human development indices and good governance in the country.

Road accidents

2913. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether India bears a heavy social cost of Rs.5500 crore annually in terms of fatalities and injuries in road accidents;

(b) whether with 8500 fatalities and 1275000 serious injuries every year, India accounts for 10 percent of road accidents and fatalities world-wide and 90 per cent of the accidents in India are becuase of drivers negligence; and

(c) if so, what steps are being taken by Government to cultivate road-culture and proper road usage throughout the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) The Planning Commission has estimated the social cost of road accidents at around Rs.55,000 Crore annually.

(b) The fatalities in India due to road accidents during the last three years have been 79919, 81966 and 78911 for the years 1998, 1999 and 2000 respectively. So far as injuries in road accidents are concerned, the figures are 390674, 375051 and 399265 for the last three corresponding years respectively. The major cause of road accidents is drivers fault which constitutes 83.5% of the total number of accidents.

(c) The measures taken by the Government to promote road safety culture and proper road usage broadly fall under three categories i.e. the Engineering, Enforcement and Education. The Engineering measures include strengthening and widening of roads wherever necessary, improvement of road geometrics, provision of road signages, construction of by-passes etc. Enforcement of relevant provisions of Motor Vehicles Act and rules made thereunder is done by the respective States/Union territories. Other measures include; (i) Providing training to the drivers particularly in the unorganized sector, (ii) Publicity Campaigns for awareness among the road users and (iii) Various enforcement and

requlatory measures like checking of overloading, checking of valid permit for driving transport vehicles/vehicles carrying dangerous and hazardous goods as well as personal vehicles. There is also provision under the Motor Vehicles Act for checking/certifying the periodical fitness of the transport/commercial vehicles. All these enforcement measues are being executed by the State Governments.

Study undertaken by centre for media studies on corruption in public service

2914.SHRI C. P. THIRUNAVUKKARASU: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have taken note of recent study undertaken by centre for media studies on corruption in public services;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith key findings of the survey; and

(c) the action proposed by Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

CBI raids on official residences of Government servants

2915. PROF. M. SANKARALINGAM: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether CBI conducts raids on official residences of Government servants from time to time; if so, the details of raids conducted since January, 2001; and

(b) the details of the departments whose officials are targeted and the details of the properties seized from such raids?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I. D. SWAMI): (a) Yes, Sir. The Central Bureau of Investigtion has conducted 4 special drives since January, 2001.

(b) No specific department was targeted during the special drive. The Central Bureau of Investigation has registered 92 cases against officials of 42 Departments/Public undertakings/Banks who figured in these raids.